

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-10 and 13-15 are pending, in which claim 1 is currently amended. Claims 11 and 12 were previously canceled. No new matter is introduced.

The Office Action mailed November 3, 2005 rejected claims 1-6, 8, 9, and 13-15 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on either of *Menditto* (US 3,962,738) or *Dudley* (US 6,012,189) in view of *Crescenzi et al.* (US 6,764,134) and *Barnes* (US 5,243,724), and claims 7 and 10 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on either of *Menditto* or *Dudley* in view of *Crescenzi et al.* and *Barnes* and in further view of *Mullen* (US 6,036,260).

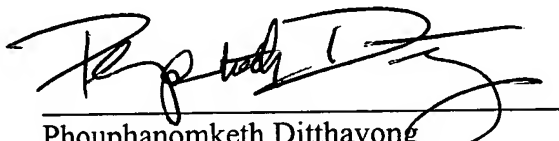
The Office Action, on page 3, states that the claimed invention would be allowable if a more detailed recitation of the projection portions 5 (FIG. 1) were recited in the claims. Accordingly, in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to recite **“a pair of side projection portions projecting respectively from side edges of an upper region of the backrest portion, said side projection portions being adapted to connect to the baby carriage.”** This claimed feature is not disclosed or made obvious by the art of record. Hence, Applicants respectfully urge the withdrawal of the obviousness rejections, and the indication that independent claim 1 and claims 2-10 and 13-15 depending therefrom are allowable.

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 425-8508 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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